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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR KS KN EG

SUBJECT: FAHMY ON KOREA

REF: STATE 252334

1. I WAS NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS KOREA WITH FAHMY UNTIL TODAY. I REMINDED HIM OF OUR PREVIOUS TALK ON THE SUBJECT AND OUR INABILITY TO ACCEPT ANY NORTH KOREAN EFFORT TO DEAL WITH US EXCLUDING ROKG. I RECALLED YOUR SEPTEMBER 30 UNGA SPEECH AND THE PASSAGE ON KOREA. THIS WAS A SERIOUS, POSITIVE APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM WHICH WE HOPED NORTH KOREA AND ITS SUPPORTERS CAN ACCEPT OR OFFER CONSTRUCTIVE ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS. IF HE THOUGHT IT USEFUL, FAHMY MIGHT RE-ASSURE THE NORTH KOREANS OF THIS FACT.

2. I SUGGESTED THAT FAHMY, IF HE WISHED TO BE HLEPFUL, SHOULD CONTINUE TO URGE THE NORTH KOREANS TO RESUME DIRECT SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND TO GIVE A CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSALS. HE COULD POINT OUT TO NORTH KOREANS THAT, IF THEY WERE TO AGREE TO START TALKS ON A TRILATERAL OR QUADRILATERAL BASIS, INCLUDING SOUTH KOREA IN EACH CASE, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN THAT CONTEXT FOR US TO TAKE UP MATTERS NOT CONCERNING KOREA DIRECTLY WITH THE NORTH KOREANS.

3. FAHMY EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT OUR REPLY. HE

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PROFESSED TO SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT ACT AS SOUTH

KOREA'S PROXY AND TALK DIRECTLY TO THE NORTH KOREANS  
ON MATTERS CONCERNING KOREA. HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT SUBJECTS  
NORTH KOREA AND WE MIGHT HAVE TO DISCUSS DIRECTLY OUTSIDE  
OF KOREAN MATTERS, AND THOUGHT THIS IDEA WAS A NON-STARTER.  
HE WISHED THAT WE COULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN THIS MATTER.  
I EMPHASIZED THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO TALK TO THE NORTH  
KOREANS WITHOUT SOUTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION.

4. FAHMY SAID THAT FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM BULGARIA AND  
YUGOSLAVIA, HE WILL TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH THE NORTH  
KOREAN AMBASSADOR. HE WAS NOT SANGUINE THAT THERE WOULD  
BE ANY CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE.

5. DEPT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO EMBASSY SEOUL.  
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